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SUBJECT: CREW OF TAIWANESE TRAWLERS FINED FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO INDIA

REF: A) MADRAS 760; B) MADRAS 743; C) MADRAS 721

1. THE SECOND METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE IN MADRAS ON JULY 17 FOUND THE CREW AND OFFICERS OF THE TWO TAIWANESE TRAWLERS SEIZED ON APRIL 21 GUILTY OF ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO INDIA UNDER PROVISIONS OF FOREIGNERS ACT AND RULES AND PASSPORT (ENTRY INTO INDIA) ACT AND SENTENCED THEM TO PAY A FINE OF RS 12,500 OR SERVE SIMPLE IMPRISONMENT OF FOUR WEEKS. THE TAIWANESE WERE ACQUITTED OF CHARGES OF "THEFT OF FISH IN INDIAN WATERS." THE MAGISTRATE REJECTED THE PROSECUTION PLEA FOR THE CONFISCATION OF THE BOATS, HOLDING THAT THE TRAWLERS ACTUALLY HAD COME FOR FISHING IN THE HIGH SEAS AND "INCIDENTALLY" HAD ENTERED INDIA BY INTRUDING INTO INDIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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2. TAIWANESE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW DELHI RAM SWARUP, WHO WAS PRESENT IN COURT, TOLD NEWSMEN THE CREW MEMBERS STILL HAVE TO FACE SOME CUSTOMS CHARGES BEFORE THEY CAN BE RELEASED. HOWEVER, HE SAID, HE IS TAKING STEPS TO HAVE THE TRAWLERS AND THE CARGO OF FISH CLEARED THROUGH CUSTOMS SO THAT THE CREW CAN RETURN HOME.

4. COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO DISPEL ANY DOUBTS ABOUT WHAT THE TRAWLERS WERE DOING IN INDIAN WATERS.

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